

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0001, on page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/005,837, filed November 9, 2001 (~~Attorney Docket No. AMS-029~~) and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/917,443 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,612,977) filed July 27, 2001 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/917,562 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,652,450) filed July 27, 2001, all of whose contents are fully incorporated herein by reference, and claims priority thereto and of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/263,472, filed January 23, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/269,829, filed February 20, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/281,350, filed April 4, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/295,068, filed June 1, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/306,915, filed July 20, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application ~~Attorney Docket No. AMS-032P~~ No. 60/332,330, filed November 20, 2001, entitled, “Sling Assembly Articles” (all of whose contents are fully incorporated herein by reference).--

Please replace paragraph 0058, page 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring again to Figure 1, the assembly includes a sling material 42 (e.g. as part of the sling assembly 46). As used herein, the terms “sling” or “article” or “mesh” or the phrases “implantable material” or “implantable article” or “sling mesh” (or combinations thereof) are used generally to describe a variety of materials including synthetic and non-synthetic materials. Typically, the implantable article will be elongate and substantially flat. It can be used as a hammock, sling, strip or support member. Optionally, the sling 42 can include a sling tensioning member 66 (e.g. as disclosed in U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/917,562, filed July 27, 2001 Patent No. 6,652,450).--

Please replace paragraph 0100, page 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Other accessories may also optionally be included in a kit according to the present invention. For example, a surgical drape specifically designed for urological procedures such as a sling procedure may be included in a kit of the present invention. Such a drape is disclosed in U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/749,254, filed December 27, 2001 (the entire contents incorporated herein by reference). Alternatively, an article for objectively setting tension of the device, such as those described in U.S. Pat. Application No. ~~09/968,239~~ 6,702,827, filed October 1, 2001 (the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference) may be included in the kit.—

Please delete paragraph 0106, page 21, in its entirety.